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C O N F I D E N T I A L USBERLIN 2051

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, WB, PL, GE
SUBJECT: HIJACKED POLISH AIRCRAFT LANDED AT TEMPELHOF; SOVIETS
REQUEST ARREST OF HIJACKERS

REF: MISSION/OPS CENTER TELEPHONE CALL

1. AT 1004 HOURS LOCAL, POLISH LOT TU-134 AIRLINER, DESIGNATED
AS LOT FLIGHT 165 ENROUTE DANZIG TO SCHOENEFELD AIRPORT IN GDR,
LANDED AT TEMPELAIRPORT BERLIN AS RESULT OF HIJACKING.
HIJACKER HAS REQUESTED POLICE
FOR SAFE CONDUCT FOR HIM AND HIS FAMILY.

2. AIRCRAFT RADIOED BERLIN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER
AT 0938 LOCAL WHEN 23 1/2 MILES EAST OF AIRPORT. BARTCC RELAYED
INFORMATION TO BERLIN AIR SAFETY CENTER WHERE U.S. ELEMENT
NOTIFIED SOVIET ELEMENT. SOVIETS FIRST ASKED THAT AIRCRAFT
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NOT BE PERMITTED TO LAND. WHEN AIRCRAFT LANDED TWO MINUTES
AFTER FIRST SOVIET REQUEST, SOVIETS DEMANDED THAT HIJACKER
BE ARRESTED.

3. MAJOR GENERAL CALVERT P. BENEDICT, UNITED
STATES COMMANDER BERLIN, AND POLITICAL ADVISER JAMES C.
NELSON ARE AT TEMPELHOF ALONG WITH U.S. LEGAL ADVISER AND

DEPUTY PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISER RABOURN.

4. INFO JUST RECEIVED INDICATES THAT HIJACKER IS AN EAST GERMAN WITH WIFE AND CHILD. THEY ARE NOW OFF AIRCRAFT IN CUSTODY OF US MILITARY POLICE. THERE ARE INDICAATIONS THAT OTHER PASSENGERS MAY DESIRE TO REMAIN IN WEST. WE INTEND, UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED BY DEPARTMENT, TO TAKE THEM INTO CUSTODY IN ORDER TO PERMIT THEM TO PRESENT THEIR CASES AND IN MEANTIME, WE AERE HOLDING AIRCRAFT ON FIELD TO ALLOW DELIBERATTE EXAMINATION OF WHATEVER REQUESTS THEY MAKE.

5. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH CHARGE MEEHAN IN BONN.

6. USCOB CONCURS. NELSON

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